

You Ask Me How I Live.
Living friendly, feeling friendly,
Acting fairly to all men,
Seeking to do that to others
They may do to me again,
Hating no man, hating no man,
Wronging none by word or deed:
But forbearing, soothing, serving,
Thus I live—and this my creed.

Harsh condemning, fierce contending,
Is of little christian use;
One soft word of kindly peace
Is worth a torrent of abuse;
Calling things bad, calling men bad,
Adds but darkness to their night;
If thou wouldst improve thy brother,
Let thy goodness be his light.

I have felt and known how bitter,
Human coldness makes the world,
Ev'ry bosom round me frozen,
Not an eye with pity peared;
Still my heart with kindness teeming
Glad when other hearts are cold,
And my eyes a tear drop findeth
At the sight of others sad.

Al't be kind—life hath no secret
For our happiness like this;
Kindly hearts are seldom and ones,
Blessing ever bringseth bliss;
Lead a helping hand to others,
Smile to all the world should frown;
Man is man, we all are brothers,
Black or white or red or brown.

Man is man, through all gradations,
Little weeps it where he stands,
How divided into nations,
Scattered over many lands;
Man is man, in form and feature,
Man by vice and virtue too,
Man is all one common nature,
Speaks and binds us brothers true.

Tracked.
PART FIRST.
CHAPTER XVI. (Continued.)
Mr. Lewson sank back in his chair with a groan. His eyes closed, and a livid pallor overspread his features. In breathless agonizing silence the accuser waited for some answer. Oh, how eagerly he would have seized upon a denial, however faint, as food for hope! But none came—not a word.

shouted, but no voice replied. The silence was as intense as the darkness. The horrible stillness and blinding mist terrified and sobers him. Where can he have got to? Better endeavor to retrace his steps. He turns round and walks cautiously back, in the direction from which it seems to him, he came. But the darkness grows blacker, and the air damper and colder, and there is a smell in it that tells near the river. His terror increases; a single false step may plunge him into the gulf of some black, slimy look, from which escape, on such a night, would be impossible.

Where is the secret now that he stole from the poor drunken wretch who is sleeping in her garret yonder? Safe, stifled in the mud and slush beneath the black waters of the Thames

Out of the house that had sheltered him—that had been a haven of rest to him, in which he had spent so many happy hours—away from love, from hope, from all, fled the wretched hero of our tale.

On, through the crowded thoroughfares, looking neither to the right nor the left, knowing not, caring not, whether he was going—onwards he rushed, as though pursued by the Furies.

Part Second.
CHAPTER I.
AT BLAKELY HALL FIVE YEARS AFTERWARDS.
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